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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUSINESS VISITOR, MUSTAPHA BOUARFA, DIRECTOR,
ALGERIAN NATIONAL EDP AUTHORITY.

REF: A) ALGIERS 1944, B) STATE 225848.

1. BOUARFA NOW BELIEVES VISIT WILL BE IN LATE JANUARY OR
FEBURARY 1975. EXACT DATES WILL BE CABLED WHEN AVAILALE.
BOUARFA PLEASSED COMMERCE HAS INFORMED US FIRMS LISTED REFTEL
A OF HIS INTEREST IN VISITING THEM. ALTHOUGH ALGERIAN
EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL COORDINATE VISIT, BOUARFA PREFERS
APPOINTMENTS BE MADE BY DOC.

2.EMBOFF RELATED CONTENTS OF REFTEL B TO BOUARFA. HE
SURPRISED AND CONFUSED AND RELATED FOLLOWING: KHOURY,
WHOM HE KNOWS, AND BERGFELD, WHOM HE DOES NOT KNOW, CAME
TO SEE HIM ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. BERFELD SAID HE WAS US
BUSINESSMAN ON OFFICIAL TRADE VISIT ON BEHALF US DEPART-
MENT OF COMMERCE. KHOURY CLAIMED TO HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED
MARKET RESEARCH IN EDP SECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST ON BEHALF O
US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. BERGFLED AND KHOURY SAID USDOC
HAD DECIDED SPONSOR COMPUTER EXCHIBITION FOR MIDDLE EAST, HAD
ORIGINALLY SELECTED BEIRUT FOR SITE AND NOW HAS DECIDED
TO CHANGE TO ALGIERS. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO ASK BOUARFA IF
EXHIBIT COULD BE HELD IN ALGIERS. BOUARFA SAID YEST BUT MADE
NO REPEAT NO OFFERS OF FREE TRANSPORTATION, ETC., (BOUARFA LATER
SAID HE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR LODGING FOR A
SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE BUT COULD PROMISE NOTHING). BUARFA ALSO
SAID IT NOT TRUE THAT COMMERCE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST WAS
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PRE-CONDITION FOR HIS VISIT. HE SAID EXHIBIT AND VISIT

UNRELATED.

3. BOUARFA STATED ANY EXHIBIT HELD IN ALGIERS COULD NOT BE HELD IN OCTOBER, 1976, BECAUSE OF FAIR AND RAMADAN. HE SUGGESTED MAY, 1976. IN ANY CASE, GOA HAS NO PLANS FOR COMPUTER EXHIBIT OR SYMPOSIUM, BUT WOULD BE GLAD TO HOST ONE SPONSORED BY SOMEONE ELSE.

4. BOUARFA, MUCH CHAGRINED, HAS ASKED FOR COPY CONTENTS OF REFTEL B AND REQUESTED EMBOFF MAKE SURE KHOURY SEES HIM WHEN IN ALGIERS NEXT MONTH. IN VIEW UNCERTAIN AND CONFUSED SITUATION, EMBASSY ADVISES COMMERCE SUSPEND ANY PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED EXHIBIT.PARKER

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